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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

Docket No: Q77006

Kazuto SHIMADA

Appln. No.: 10/658,429

Group Art Unit: 1752

Confirmation No.: 3180

Examiner: John SY Chu

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For: POLYMERIZABLE COMPOSITION AND PLANOGRAPHIC PRINTING PLATE
PRECURSOR USING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 8, 2005, and is being filed on May 9, 2005, May 8, 2005 being a Sunday.

On page 2 of the Office Action, in paragraph 1, the Examiner notes that Applicant elected Group I in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the December 14, 2004 Office Action, but failed to elect a species within Group I for prosecution. For the election of species requirement, an election of one of the following species is required:

- Species (1) - A polymerizable composition comprising ingredients (A) and (B);
and
- Species (2) - A polymerizable composition comprising ingredients (A) and (B)
and an infrared absorber.

The Examiner indicates that Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held allowable. Currently, the Examiner indicates that claims 1 and 11 are generic where the

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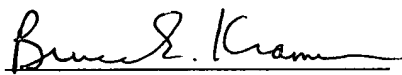
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addition of an infrared absorber to the composition is separately patentable from the composition without the infrared absorber.

In response to the election of species requirement, Applicant elects Species (2) for examination, on which at least claims 11-18 are readable. Applicant submits that at least claims 7 and 10 also appear to be readable on Species (2).

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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